

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request the Preliminary Amendment be entered as the amendment places the claims as well as the Specification in proper form.

New Claim 13 replaces the use claim of Claim 12 and now claims a food product comprising an encapsulated flavoring preparation. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

Insert the following Abstract:

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ENCAPSULATED FLAVOR AND/OR FRAGRANCE PERPARATIONS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to encapsulated flavor and/or fragrance preparations and a method for producing same from a spray solution consisting of an aqueous solution of polymeric carriers and emulsified flavors and/or fragrances. The granules have an adjustable particle size of between 0.2 and 2 mm, present even size distribution and a globular shape and are further characterized by a high concentration and high retention of volatile flavors.--

Kindly replace the Title of the Invention with the following:

~~ENCAPSULATED FLAVOURING PREPARATIONS~~ FLAVOR AND/OR
PERFUME FRAGRANCE PREPARATIONS

On page 1, line 2, kindly insert the following:

-- FIELD OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 1, line 6, kindly insert the following:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 2, line 22, kindly insert the following:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 3, line 7, kindly insert the following:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A [P]rocess according to [one of] Claim[s] 2 [or 3],
[characterized in that] wherein the granulation nuclei are produced in a fluidized bed.

5. (Amended) A [P]process according to [one of] Claim[s] 2 [to 4],
[characterized in that] wherein the fluidized bed has a bed height of less than 10 cm.

6. (Amended) A [P]process according to [one of] Claim[s] 2 [to 5],
[characterized in that] wherein granules of the desired particle size are separated by
a sifter from the fluidized bed.

7. (Amended) A [P]process according to [one of] Claim[s] 2 [to 6],
[characterized in that] wherein the granules, after their production, are provided with
an external coat by spraying on a liquid coating material.

8. (Amended) A [P]process according to [one of] Claim[s] 2 [to 7],
[characterized in that] wherein the flavo[u]rings and/or perfumes are used in the form
of an emulsion produced by mixing the flavo[u]rings and/or perfumes with water and
a polymeric carrier.

9. (Amended) A [P]process according to [one of] Claim[s] 2 [to 9],
[characterized in that] wherein the polymeric carriers used are hydroly[s]zed, [or]
modified starches, or [and the] hydrocolloids [used are gum arabic, or mixtures
thereof].

10. (Amended) A [P]process according to [one of] Claim[s] 2 [to 9],
[characterized in that] wherein the flavo[u]ring emulsion and/or perfume emulsion
comprises as additives food dyes or cosmetics dyes, sweeteners, antioxidants,
edible acids, flavo[u]r-enhancing substances, vitamins, minerals and/or juice
concentrates.

12. (Amended) A [P]process according to [one of] Claim[s] 4 [to 11],
[characterized in that] wherein the flavo[u]ring emulsion and/or perfume emulsion
also comprises additives and ingredients such as food dyes or cosmetics dyes,

sweeteners, sugar substitutes, antioxidants, edible acids, flavor-enhancing substances, vitamins, minerals and/or juice concentrates.

Kindly add the following new claim:

--13. A food product comprising an encapsulated flavoring preparation prepared by means of fluidized-bed spray agglomeration in which a flavoring preparation is sprayed into a fluidized bed having granulation nuclei and in which the mean residence time of the flavoring preparation sprayed in is less than 20 minutes in the fluidized bed.--